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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Mean politics seems to have become a habit in Philadelphia.

In trying to borrow \$20,000,000 Jamaica discovers that the earthquake shook its credit, along with other things.

Members of the life saving crews on the Atlantic coast are in a fair way to get a monopoly of the Carnegie hero medals.

The decision to change the designs on the gold coins cannot be based on the claim that the public is tired of the old designs.

Opponents of polygamy may learn by recent events at Washington that the cure for the evil is in education rather than in legislation.

The Oklahoma constitutional convention seems determined to copy the shortcomings of other states instead of taking advantage of them.

Some of the railroad and trust magnates are probably wondering why the president wants to wait until 1909 before making that trip to Alaska.

Public opinion on the railway wreck question has passed from the consternation to the indignation stage. The legislation stage is next in order.

An Ohio judge gave a prisoner the choice between going home or going to jail. Being a resident of Pittsburg, the prisoner decided to go to jail.

The assertion that Secretary Loeb gets more abuse than any other man in the country needs the explanation that the abuse comes from the public and not from his employer.

The only way to account for the discrepancy in the allegations about that Brownsville affair is that the president and Senator Foraker have been investigating different riots.

The National Woman's Suffrage association favors expunging the word "servant" from the dictionary. It might be a good plan, and then you may call her anything you please.

A Boston astronomer claims he has "weighed all the principal stars." Perhaps he has, but he'll get into hot water if he tells the weight of Lillian Russell, May Irwin or Marie Dressler.

Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau, had his right arm broken in an accident. Fortunately for the country, Prof. Moore can make weather with his left arm as well as his right.

One of our naval officers has discovered an ear plug that will prevent gun deafness. He ought to put them on the market and give landmen a chance to use them during political campaigns.

Peary and Duke d'Abruzzi plan to approach the pole from different directions. The precaution seems unnecessary, as the pole has shown no disposition to get out of the way of explorers.

Our accommodating supreme court should hurry down that decision as to whether the free use of a dwelling house constitutes a perquisite of office for the governor. If free rent is not a perquisite several other state officers who think they are inadequately paid would like to put in claims for equal treatment.

JUSTICE AND GEOGRAPHY.

Although the new judicial division bill passed by congress leaves Nebraska intact as a single judicial district, an attempt is being made to subordinate the selection of the additional judge to the old North Platte and South Platte lines of political geography, by which Nebraska has been divided in the past. With due apologies to the Nebraska delegation in congress, which is reported as unanimously conceding the second judge to the South Platte territory, The Bee is thoroughly convinced that there is no good reason whatever for dragging the geographical line across the bench.

Is there any good reason why a lawyer otherwise qualified, residing in Omaha, or in some other part of the state north of the Platte, should not aspire to the appointment to the newly created judicial place? There are a dozen lawyers at the Omaha bar, who, when gauged by the test of legal education, of professional ability and of experience in the federal courts are superior to any of the candidates from the South Platte country who are urging their claims for preferment. The present judge of the federal district court for Nebraska was appointed from Fremont and his predecessor from Falls City and Omaha, although the most important center of litigation in the state has never had a judge upon the federal bench. Why, then, should the new judge be conceded to the South Platte?

President Roosevelt has shown a praiseworthy independence in making judicial appointments since he has occupied the executive chair. He has not allowed himself to be bound by geography or politics, but has insisted upon judicial qualification as the paramount consideration. There is no good reason why he should be bound by any fact understanding among the senators and representatives from Nebraska to use this place either to reward a political retainer or to shut out all real competition by the North and South Platte fence. If it should be found that the most eligible man for judge happens to live in Omaha, he should have the place irrespective of the political map and regardless of the trades between our congressmen and senators.

HIS MASTER'S VOICE.

Theodore P. Shonts, sometimes chairman of the Panama Canal commission, but at all times a railroad man of the type that gladdens the hearts of the Wall street magnates, has joined the group of railroad presidents flying danger signals and predicting all sorts of calamity if the country does not at once cease its efforts to secure freight regulation, reduction of passenger rates, the abolition of discriminating tariffs and other reforms that interfere with the present system of operating and manipulating the transportation lines of the country. In a recent address before the Iowa club in New York Mr. Shonts came out flatly as the champion of stock watering and stock jobbing in railroad securities and issued a solemn warning of peril to the prosperity of the nation in a continuance of legislative effort to secure reforms in transportation matters. Supporting a contention that the railroads have made the prosperity of the country possible, Mr. Shonts said:

There is no doubt that in the building up of these properties things have been done which, though legally right, were morally wrong; but because they were legally right and cannot be legally disturbed, what is the use of exploiting them when no result can be secured except to furnish material for the charlatan and the demagogue and to intensify class bitterness?

Credit must be given to Mr. Shonts for being honest, at least, in his admission that the railroad managers of his type have kept an eye on the law, even to the neglect of their morals, in their stock-watering speculations. He contends that, inasmuch as railroad properties of the nation cannot be duplicated for the amount of money their securities represent, "then, to a large extent, there is no water in outstanding stocks," and he protests against present holders of railway securities being deprived of their preferential privileges "and placed on an equal footing with mere outsiders" when it comes to the issue of new stock, or the expansion of old stock, by the all-water route.

Having thought the matter all over, Mr. Shonts has a remedy for existing evils. He would have had "eminent financiers and captains of industry cooperate with the president to bring about better corporate practices." In other words, he would have the men who have amassed millions by practices which he admits were morally wrong, though perhaps legally right, now go to the president and discuss with him methods for preventing themselves from adding other millions to their swollen fortunes. It would be worth the price of admission to see Mr. Harriman, Mr. Hill, Mr. Fish, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Belmont, Mr. Baer and other railroad magnates going up to the White House and appealing to President Roosevelt to aid them in elaborating reformed and purified methods of corporate management. Their efforts, heretofore, have all been in the direction of warding off legislation for that very purpose and the public will be slow to believe, without some signs, that they are forsaking their old ways.

Mr. Shonts is not an impartial observer. He sees everything from the viewpoint of the railway manager, skilled in sailing between law and morals and landing rich cargoes for his corporate masters. He cannot rid himself of the notion that the country is going to smash if the railroads can-

not have things all their own way as they have in the past. He shuts his eyes to the fact that the disasters to investors in railways have been brought about by reckless mismanagement and high financing at the expense of the small stockholder. When Mr. Shonts and his associates show a disposition to accept a little salutary regulation they will have no difficulty in securing the support of the public and the confidence of the small investor, which they now assert has been alienated by "drastic railroad rate agitation."

THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Activity in the spread and propagation of the Christian religion and the civilization it stands for has been a marked characteristic of the life of the initial years of the twentieth century. Each of the denominations or sects representing the faith of the cross has extended its efforts and has exerted its utmost energy in the work of carrying the gospel and the ethical code it represents into the uttermost corners of the earth. The zeal of the modern missionary is no whit less than that of his predecessor who won martyrdom in ages gone, nor was the spirit of support among the laymen exhausted in Crusade or Reformation.

Omaha has just witnessed a church convention remarkable in many ways. First proposed as a council, the inter-synodical gathering of the Presbyterians swept far beyond the scope of a mere conference and became a militant gathering, breathing a spirit of determination. When a year or so ago a million dollars was pledged by the church for the work of foreign missions, it was thought that a great step had been taken. The council at Omaha pledged six millions and its members left for their homes imbued with an earnestness of purpose along this line that almost insures its success.

The Presbyterian missionary is not essentially a zealot. He is an educated and trained specialist, a teacher or a doctor, and he is sent out to a designated district for a specific purpose. Aside from being an apostle of the Christian religion, he is an agent of civilization, and devotes himself quite as much to a correction of the ways of living in a secular as in a religious sense among those to whom he is sent. In this regard the convention just ended is a significant episode in the affairs of the world, for it means more light among the nations who sit in darkness.

THE HORSE AND AUTO.

The census bureau having issued a bulletin showing the marvelous growth of the automobile manufacturing business in this country in the last six years and, incidentally, reviving the old slogan, "the horse must go," Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture meets the implied challenge with some data showing that the automobile business of the nation, now amounting to \$26,000,000 annually, would not buy bran or chopped feed for the horses that have been added to the American stables since the automobiles began getting up steam. The total production of automobiles in 1905 was 22,830, valued at \$26,645,064, as against 3,723 machines in 1900, valued at \$4,748,011. In 1905 the automobile manufacturers operated 121 establishments and gave employment to 10,239 wage earners. Secretary Wilson replies with a showing that 1,700,000 horse vehicles were manufactured in 1905, or about 700 of them for every automobile made in the country.

Secretary Wilson explains, in his statement on the live stock wealth of the nation, that "the horse must go" phrase originated with the advent of the American railroad, the farmers being told at that time that there would soon be no further use for the dray and freighting teams of the nation and the horse would be used merely for family driving and putting about the farm, finally become something of a curiosity. Then came the bicycle, which again marked the doom of the horse. The electric trolley promised to make equine extinction complete, but, if anything, were needed to that consummation, it was supplied with the advent of the automobile. Despite these predictions, the horse is still here and very much in evidence, his increase in per capita and value, becoming greater every year. At the close of 1906 there were 19,746,583 horses in the nation, valued at \$1,846,878,412, or \$93.51 per head, an increase of 5,000,000 horses since 1900, when the value per head was \$44.61. Coupled with this increased number and value of horses is a demand which is far in excess of the supply. The cause and the plug are going out of use, except on the ranges where their hardness still makes them use desirable, while better grades of animals are being required for use on the farm, in the manufacturing districts and for driving purposes. Fortunes are being spent for improving the breed of horses for all purposes and the investment in this industry alone is larger than employed in the automobile manufacturing business.

Only a few years ago the record price paid for a trotting or running horse was \$5,000, but so great has become the demand for animals with speed achievement that the \$100,000 mark has been reached and there is nothing in the outlook to indicate that such a sum will long remain the maximum of value for the thoroughbred. Since the days when Alexander, the original Rough Rider, broke Bucephalus to bridle, the horse has been man's most valuable and faithful ally,

in the work of war or peace, in the performance of duties and the enjoyment of pleasures, and no innumerate invention can take his place.

DECENT JOURNALISM.

The Bee feels particularly gratified at the numerous expressions both from regular readers and from visitors from abroad of special satisfaction with the manner in which it has expurgated its reports of the filthy murder trial in New York and the equally disgusting divorce trial in Omaha.

The Bee has aimed to keep constantly in view the fact that it is printing a paper for the home—a paper which is to be read by pure-minded women and children, as well as by wise men about town.

Without assuming to have reached the level of perfection and conceding that mistakes may be made occasionally in the pursuit of this policy to issue a clean newspaper, we prefer to have the encomiums of the home builders and home protectors than depend upon the vacillating patronage of morbid sensation seekers.

The Bee believes that the advertising merchant prefers to announce his wares in a newspaper that he knows can be safely read in family circles instead of in one which he has reason to believe will be thrown away by the person who purchases it on the street before he opens the door of his home.

PASSING OF THE MILKMAID.

The assistant chief of the dairy division of the Department of Agriculture has been making a study of the practical value of milking machines with a result that knocks the romance of the dairy higher than Bossy ever kicked a pail from the grip of a green hand at the business. The assistant chief, who happens to be C. B. Lane, it should be remembered, is an expert in the dairy business and what he does not know about cows and milkmaids is not included in the pamphlet just issued by the department under the title, "The Milking Machine as a Factor in Dairying."

In this edifying and instructive document, attention is called to the fact that 137 patents have been issued by the government for milking machines, or for parts thereof, and concludes that, owing to the difficulty in securing competent folks to do the milking by hand, "great interest, therefore, centers around the milking machine." We should rather guess yes, if there's any invention that is designed to deprive the eldest daughter of the family and the hired man from the joy of meeting in the barnyard or the dairy, just as the sun goes down, and joining in the interesting and sometimes complicated work of inducing the old brindle to "give down," the public in general, and the daughter and the hired man in particular, want to know about it.

A Prize for Life.

The reward offered for the return of that defaulting New Britain treasurer was evidently planned with a view of securing him in good condition. The offer is \$5,000 for him alive and \$1,000 for his dead.

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Slaughters on the Rail.

Baltimore American.

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Humane Transit of Cattle.

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Proceedings which all humane people will indorse are those which are to be brought by the government against several railroads for disobeying the law providing for the humane transit of cattle. Besides the intrinsic cruelty of confining living animals for long periods in cars without food or water, another grave fact urges the enforcement of the law and the punishment of its violator in the danger to human health from this treatment of animals intended for food supply. Science is doing noble work in finding out causes and no fighting disease, but discoveries and treatment will be of little effect while dangerous causes are allowed to exist, undermining the public health with impunity.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

If you want to be happy, make some one less sad.

Men lay their sore heads onto their tender hearts.

A strong breath usually comes from a weak backbone.

This world is enriched by the good more than by the clever.

A man's religion never dies so long as it is doing something for his neighbor.

Everything is possible to those who do not fear the impossible.

If the voice of conscience disturbs you silence it by obeying it.

The light of love shows the true self as the light of loving cannot.

The man with a ship on his shoulder never gets it from hewing to the line.

An umbrella in a crowd offers a splendid field for the exercise of vital religion.

Silent endeavor for things honorable has greater eloquence than silver trumpets.

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experience several times as acting president, which has put him in closer touch with its executive management and general policy than any other man who might have been considered in connection with the presidency. It may be taken for granted that the administration of President Judson will be largely along the lines mapped out by his predecessor—ample promise of a progressive expansion constantly abreast of each advancing era.

The clerical co-respondent in a salacious divorce suit imported into our courts proposes to coin his unsavory notoriety into silver quarters by speaking in a public hall which he has hired on a business basis for a Sabbath afternoon. This performance must make every sincere and conscientious minister of the gospel blush for shame. The ticket taker may show a profit in the box office ledger, but this method of procuring a vindication for besmirched reputation is not likely to be efficacious in this community.

The newly enacted immigration law is supposed to satisfy everybody, but by the time another congress rolls around the immigration exclusionists will be asking again for still more restrictive measures. The unprejudiced observer cannot fail to arrive at the conclusion that the immigration laws as now amended, if properly administered, ought to reach every evil against which just complaint can be lodged.

Colonel Bryan insists that the president's recommendation of the retention of the coal lands now part of the government domain is a long step taken in the direction of public ownership of the railroads. Most people have discovered, however, that there is a difference in holding on to something we have and buying something that some one else has.

The two Dreadnaughts authorized by the congress will cost about \$10,000,000 each. It may hasten universal disarmament for nations to keep raising the cost limit until battleships and bankruptcy become synonymous terms.

The railroad bosses may have strings on some members of the executive committee of our Commercial club, but they haven't twine enough to reach around the whole business community of this great and growing city.

There is nothing the matter with the Omaha Commercial club, provided only the real sentiment of the whole membership can be obtained on any question of vital current interest.

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Advertisement for watches with prices: \$15.00, \$18.00, \$1.00 a week, \$1.00 a week. Includes '20-Year Guarantee' and '17 Jewel Rockford Movement'.

Advertisement for Mandelberg's Gift Shop, 1522 FARMAN. 'YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD'.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The Rochester clergyman who announces that he is full of people who use tobacco would appear to have an unusual familiarity with that unsavory resort.

Chicago Chronicle: It is not at all surprising that an influential section of his congregation should now be found writing lurid accounts of the Thaw trial for a sensational newspaper. Whenever a preacher begins to develop a fine sensitiveness with respect to his individual freedom it is usually safe to look for him in a more lucrative job in the immediate future.

New York Commercial: A New York clergyman publicly expounds the doctrine that the mere active membership in a church does not relieve a man of the necessity of plentifully insuring others as to his integrity and financial responsibility. The preacher pointed out the fact that quite recently we have had instances of gigantic rogues serving the devil in the liver of a saint. Some of the more sophisticated of us worldly people have long ago given up the notion that we ought to deposit our money in the hands of a banker simply because he appears at church every Sunday in a long coat and, with serious face, passes the collection plate. It is remarkable that that idea is still held by a few pious persons.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Last year the street railways of Chicago carried 150,000,000 passengers, a majority of them by the straps.

It is hardly fair to charge that Mr. Rockefeller boosted the price of oil without cause. He has invested in a new wig.

With the city election over Philadelphia will enjoy a stretch of complete repose until the Elks gather there next summer.

Less champagne per capita was drunk in this country last year than the year before, yet there was no perceptible diminution of the swelled head.

The records of last year's cinch having been lost or stolen the New York Ice trust feels warranted in repeating the squeeze so that the record of its nerve may be restored.

A quarter of a century ago, even less, the epithet tossed about at the Bailey investigation in Texas would have made undertakers and hospital surgeons work overtime.

A woman's magazine asserts that "the dainty art of courtship is nearly forgotten." Perhaps the style has changed, but the license record indicates that it is something just as good.

A local alienist asserts that one out of every ninety persons in Chicago is crazy. The computation was made before the spring campaign began, and must not be considered a reliable index of present conditions.

A St. Louis woman who was rescued from a runaway horse by an unknown man, discovered on advertising for the name and address of her hero that at least a score of men saved her. Advertising looms up as the greatest of modern wonders.

WHEN THE SNOW IS ON THE SILL.

Lewiston Journal.

A simple meal though this may be Or bread and butter, luscious honey And dainty cups of fragrant tea, I find besides on that which which money Can never buy; for, though the child And stormy wind and snow be piling In deepening drifts upon the sill, Yet, winter's dreariness beguiling Come picture scenes of sun and shine! I bear again the bee's loud droning, The rustling corn, the lowing kine, The quail's mon